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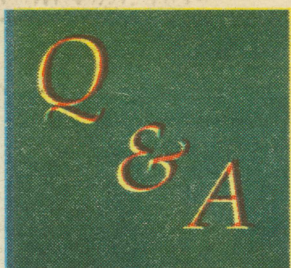
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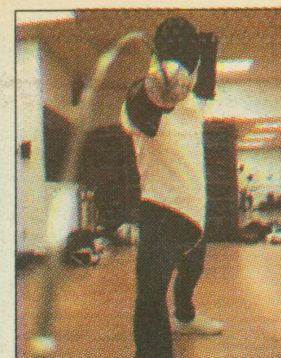


**Does UTPA need to raise its academic standards?**

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**UTPA Fencing Club puts itself on guard**

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The Student Newspaper of The University of Texas-Pan American

# Hoffman picked to replace Brooks

**New coach brings credible record on and off court**

**By Eladio Jaimez**  
*Staff Writer*

UTPA announced the hiring of Oklahoma Baptist University head coach Bob Hoffman as the new Men's Basketball Coach in a news conference held at the University Ballroom.

Hoffman was brought in to replace recently terminated Delray Brooks and bring to the program some unquestioned integrity and character.

"It's all about seeing the good instead of dwelling on the things that have passed. We want to be forward focused and not past possessed," said Hoffman.

Hoffman's first order of business will be to meet with the players individually and then their families to answer any questions they might have. He also plans to hire some assistants as soon as possible.

Before winning any games, Hoffman will have to win the support of some of



—Jesse Lopez

**Current coach Bob Hoffman**

his new players that came here hoping to play for Brooks.

(See **Hoffman**, page 10)

**Weak defense and lack of evidence uphold Brooks firing**

**By Eladio Jaimez**  
*Staff Writer*

The Delray Brooks era is officially over.

Vice-President of Business Affairs, James Langabeer, decided last Thursday to uphold the termination handed to Brooks on August 23.

The decision made on behalf of UTPA by Langabeer is final and not subject to any administrative appeal.

In the letter sent to Brooks, Langabeer stated "Based on the above findings, it is my conclusion that Mr. Weidner's decision to terminate Mr. Brooks employment as Head Men's Basketball Coach of UTPA was appropriate and is hereby upheld."

Langabeer came to this conclusion after three of the allotted ten days he was given to make a decision.

In the letter sent to Brooks' attorney, Michael M. Probus, Langabeer states that he found Brooks' defenses weak if



**Ex-coach Delray Brooks**

it were true and not credible for lack of evidence.

(See **Termination**, page 10)

## Officials break ground for computer lab

**By Lamonica Tamez**  
*Staff Writer*

Groundbreaking for the new \$17.2 million Classroom/Computer Building began Friday.

The three-story building which should be completed by the Spring of 2001 will hold administrative and faculty offices, computer classrooms, and the math department. It is located between the Business Administration and the Education Building.

"This facility is the key institution for

continuing growth," said State Representative Juan Hinojosa.

Several departments have been scattered around the campus and this new building would solve some of their problems.

"This building will serve many needs. It would enable several departments to come together," said Paul Pontius, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics.

Not only does this new facility provide a home for some of our departments, it also enables us to take advantage of new technology. It will take us into the new millennium.



**UTPA President Miguel Nevárez along with Representative Juan Hinojosa and others break ground on what will be the site for a new general classroom facility.**

—Lamonica Tamez



# OPINION

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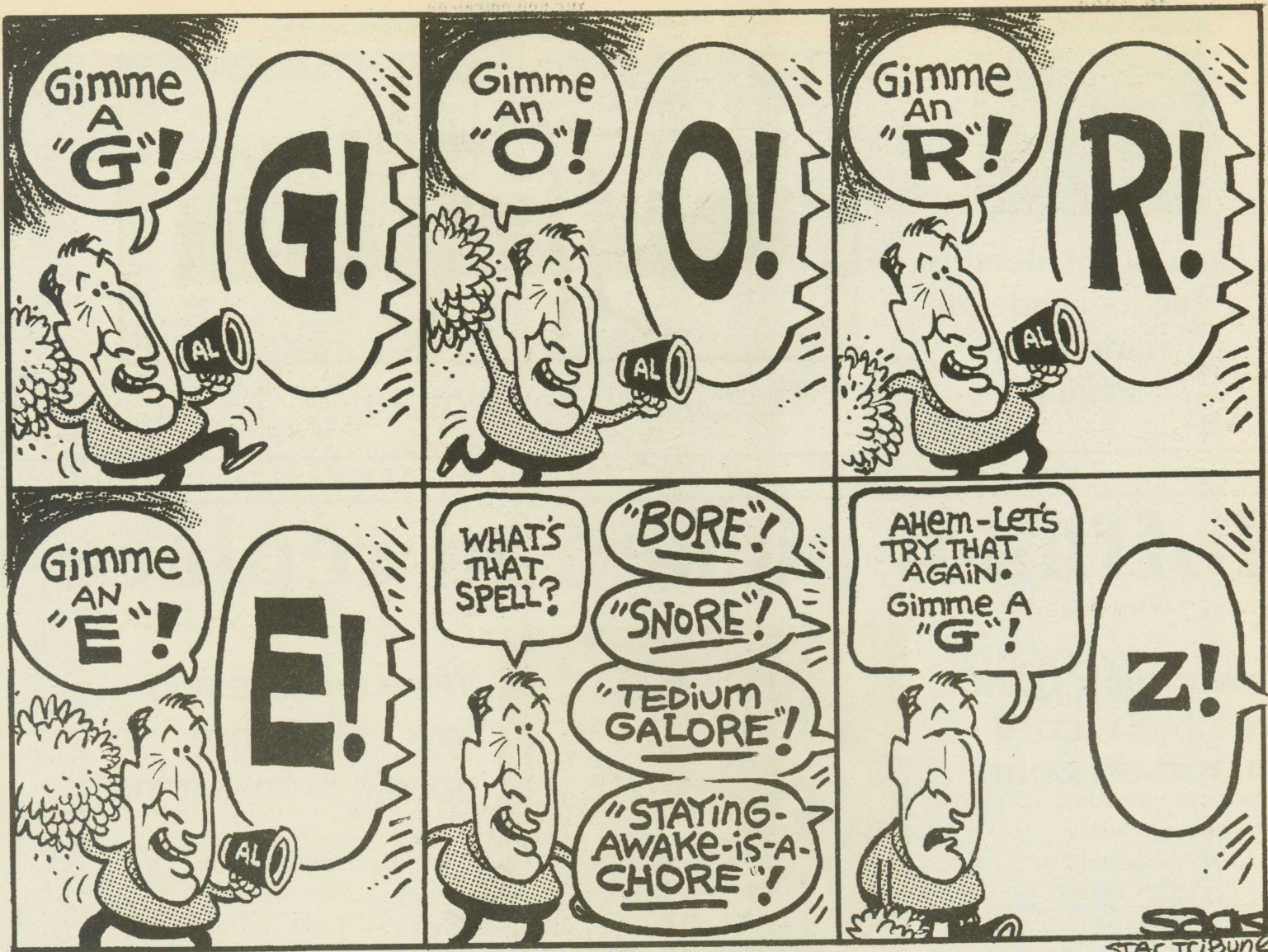
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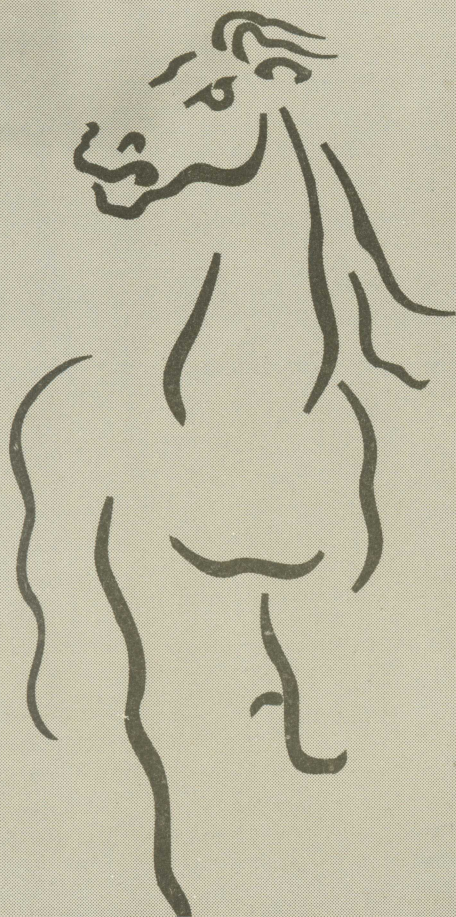
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Q&A

## Does UTPA need to raise its academic standards?

— Jesus Capuchino

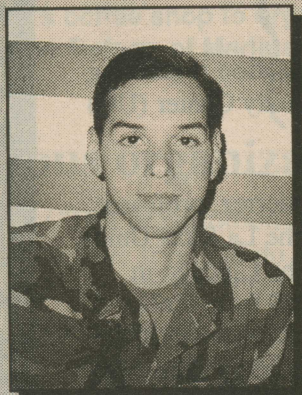


**Alma D. Cerda**  
Sophomore  
Education

No. The standards at UTPA are hard enough as it is. It will require students to place more effort and time into their studies. For many people, this is already a challenge.

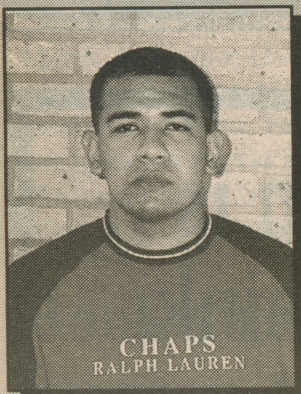
**Orlando Guzman**  
Junior  
Kinesiology

No. The enrollment at UTPA is low as it is. Raising the standards will only increase the drop out rate. As a result, many of the students who cannot attend UTPA will go somewhere else.



**Juan Pablo Sifuentes**  
Senior  
Criminal Justice

No. As it is, a great number of people are afraid of the many standards established by UTPA. Many people are afraid to take exams because they think that they will not pass them.



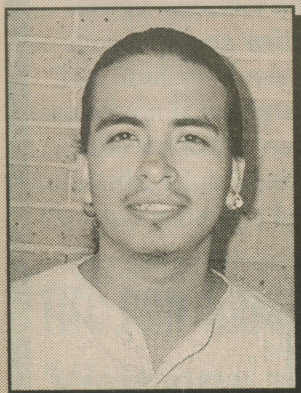
**Renee Lara**  
Senior  
Computer Science

No. The academic standards at UTPA are fine. If the standards are raised, many students will not be able to stay or enroll at UTPA.



**Alfredo Trujillo**  
Sophomore  
Kinesiology

Yes. The standards in one's major should be raised. Doing this will challenge students and it will enhance their knowledge in their field of study.



# Campus Briefs

## LULAC representatives meet to promote involvement in civil rights

By Miguel Liscano Jr.  
Staff Writer

Representatives of the League of United Latin American Citizen (LULAC) spoke at a Civil rights training workshop held Saturday at the International Trade and Technology (ITT) Building.

State and local representatives spoke to local members about racial injustices, the importance of education, and tips for handling certain racial situations. The main purpose of the training was to educate the Hispanic community of its fundamental rights.

Luis Vera, a lawyer and political activist who once represented Cesar Chavez, believes education is the key to fighting discrimination and hispanic people should protect their rights, but lawyers can not do everything. "Political action changes things, its not the lawyers or the judges, its the people," he said.

LULAC was started in 1929 and is an organization with a history of fighting discrimination focused toward

Hispanics in this country through political protests. Representatives expressed a need for the involvement of youth in the fight against discrimination.

They also discussed the need of money in fighting discrimination. "We need the economic resources to fight a capitalist system," said Sam Alvarado, LULAC State Civil Rights Chairperson.

LULAC has had student representatives on campus for two years. They attend LULAC conferences, they read to children at local elementary schools, work with the Toys For Tots Program, and sometimes participate in protests. "I joined because it was an organization that seemed to go after what it believed in," said Araceli Perez, president of UTPA LULAC chapter.

LULAC representatives are planning four trips annually to educate members and the community.

Student members of LULAC meet once a week during activity period (noon) in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBSC) Building, room 107.

## University Theatre to hold auditions for Roman comedy, 'The Menachemi'

Special To The Pan American

Although the first play of the Fall season is still in rehearsal is still in rehearsal, auditions for the second play at the University Theatre have been set for 7 pm tonight in the Studio Theatre.

Director Eric Wiley is the newest addition to the UTPA Theatre faculty. He received his Ph.D. in May from Louisiana State University, and this will be his first directing assignment.

Dr. Wiley says that the play, "The Menachemi," is an old Roman comedy by Platus, written 2,000 years ago.

The director prefers people to pre-

pare a one-minute monologue from any modern comedy, as this translation is very modern in style and language, but he will have script selections available for those who want to do a "cold reading."

He needs two men to look like twins, as the play is a farce about mistaken identities. College aged and older actors are welcome, but there are no parts for children in this play.

Auditions are being held early to give the major characters time to become familiar with the play before rehearsals begin when "Our Town" closes October 10.



# SEPTEMBER

**28 ACTIVITY:** The U.S. Border Patrol will be on campus for an information session and recruitment from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Services Building, room 145. All majors welcome. Sponsored by Career Placement Services.

**28 CLINIC:** Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 - 11 a.m. for students, faculty, staff, and community. Ask for Charles.

**28 MEETING:** The Anthropology Club is meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBSC) Building, room 117.

**28 MEETING:** The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society is meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. in the Science Building, room 1.288. The meeting will feature a guest speaker from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio.

**28 MEETING:** The Student Government Association is holding a Senate Meeting from 4:30 - 7 p.m. in the third floor of the University Center. Everyone is invited to learn about University issues and voice opinions.

**28 AUDITIONS:** The University Theatre is holding auditions for "The Menachemi," the second play

of the season, at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre in the Communications Arts & Sciences Building. People interested in auditioning are asked to prepare a one-minute monologue from any modern comedy.

**28 MEETING:** The Fencing Club is meeting from 8 - 10 p.m. in Health and Physical Education 1 (HEP 1) Building, room 1.130.

**29 CLINIC:** Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - Noon for students, faculty, staff, and community.

**29 BAKE SALE:** The Anthropology Club is holding a bake sale from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the main lobby of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building.

**30 MEETING:** The South Texas Independent Film Society is meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. in the TV Studio Green Room.

**30 MEETING:** The Global Organization is meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. in the University Center (UC) Building, room 307.

**30 ACTIVITY:** Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez, professor at UT-Arlington and founder of the La Raza Unida, will speak about his new book The Chicano in U.S.-Mexico Relations, 1970-1999 from Noon - 1 p.m. in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBSC) Building, room 101. The event is being sponsored by the Political Science Association.

**30 LUNCH:** The Delta Zeta Sorority invites students to join them for lunch from Noon - 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

**30 LAB:** R.O.T.C. is holding an Activity Lab (Modified Grenade Assault) at 2:35 p.m. in the COAS Quad. All cadets must be in uniform.

**30 MEETING:** The Fencing Club is meeting from 8 - 10 p.m. in Health and Physical Education 1 (HEP 1) Building, room 1.130.

**30 MEETING:** Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the Business Administration (BA) Building, room 110.

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— Jennifer Davis

Left to right: Junior Gabriel Grajales and freshmen Michelle Stout and Reynaldo Rangel meet at Fat Man & Little Boy's coffee shop to organize a local chapter of the National Organization of the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

## Students seek to start campus organization

By Jennifer Davis

A group of UTPA students are forming a local chapter of the National Organization of the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML.

Freshmen Reynaldo Rangel, Zach Moser, and junior Gabriel Grajales are part of the temporary government of The South Texas Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (STORM) and are attempting to gain approval as a rec-

ognized UTPA organization.

"What we are trying to do is make the community aware of the nature of cannabis sativa, its beneficial properties, as well as responsible recreational use," said Moser, temporary vice-president.

So far, STORM has acquired 20 members, and is currently in the process of writing a constitution, electing official members, and organizing fund-raisers.

## Book swap among issues to be discussed at SGA senate meeting

By Yeseñia Gonzales

A book swap for students will be discussed at the Student Government Association (SGA) senate meeting today at 4:30 on the 3rd floor of the University Center.

This meeting is open to all students. Pencil sharpeners for the science building and a book swap for the current semester are included on the agenda, along with other issues.

"The Student Government Association is important because it concerns students," said Chalam Mulukutla, Club Vice President. "The club is here to help serve the

students needs."

SGA's goal is to ensure the student's voice is heard throughout the university. It is the representative and governing body of students.

Senate meetings are held twice a month according to the Senator's schedule. The meetings are open to the public.

If you would like to join you must fill out an application and be on good standing academically. For information, call 381-2517 or email [www.panam.edu/orgs/sga](http://www.panam.edu/orgs/sga). The SGA office is in Room 322 of the University Center.

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# Students seek jobs at Expo

Joaquin Castillo, 3M representative, informs Seniors Estella Cuellar-Egare and Sherry Fielder of job opportunities that 3M has for them.

—Ed Vento

**By Miguel Liscano Jr.**  
Staff Writer

Companies from all over the country could be found Thursday at UTPA's 26th Internship and Job Expo.

Sponsored by Career Placement Services (CPS), the expo was held at the University Ballroom and included 37 companies from across the nation. The event's purpose was to give winter and summer graduates a chance to find a job ahead of time and help students of any classification find an internship program suited for them.

"We want to promote internships because they would increase a students marketability," said Jennifer Mendoza, Cooperative Education Coordinator, "A person with experience will get a higher

paying job than someone with no experience."

All the internship programs inquired about were paid internships where students earned college hours and little experience was necessary. Overall the various companies' representatives said they were taking hard working students with flexible schedules.

CPS invites companies to participate by writing to them and are sometimes contacted themselves. CPS attempted to meet the needs of students by inviting companies and organizations for every major.

"It puts the university on the map when companies want to recruit from our university and we show them what we've got," said Marivel De La Rosa, a December graduate.



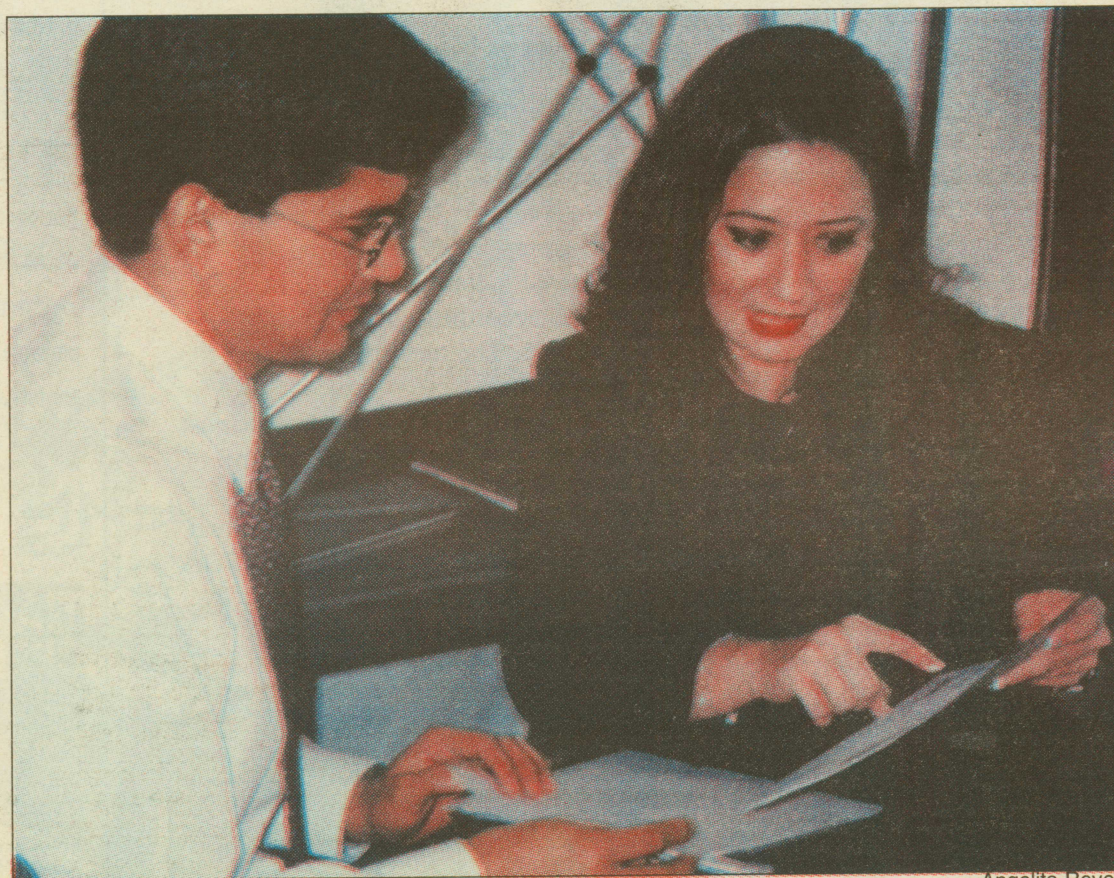
—Angelita Reyes

Students gather information at the Expo's registration table.



—Angelita Reyes

International Business major Janie Almendarez learns more about Wal-Mart from recruiter Paul Valdez.



—Angelita Reyes

Marty Cuevas speaks with Lockheed Martin representative Celinda Cordova.



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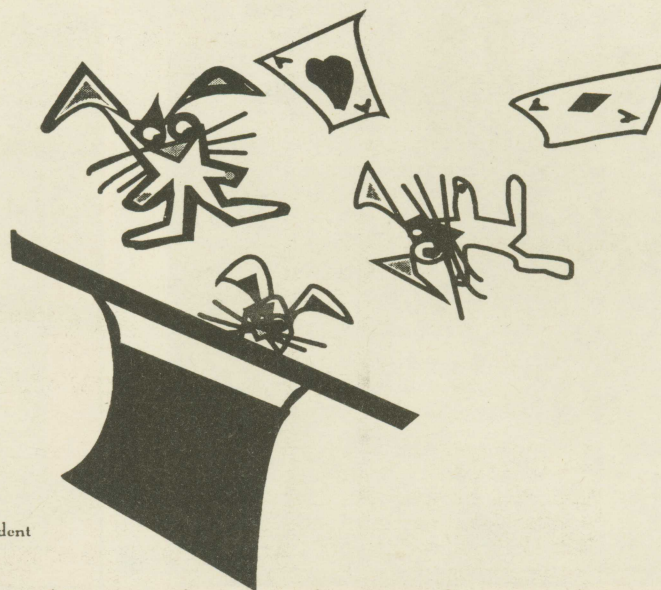
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# News Review

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From Wire Reports

## MONDAY: Second man tried in dragging death found guilty

BRYAN, Texas—White supremacist Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, showed no emotion when the jury of five women and seven men announced its guilty verdict after four hours of deliberation in the second trial to arise from the torture slaying of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas, last summer. On Wednesday, the jury recommended Brewer receive the death penalty.

## TUESDAY: Earthquake rocks Taiwan, death toll high

TAIPEI, Taiwan—The strongest earthquake in recent Taiwanese history struck the region with the epicenter located about 90 miles from the city of Taipei. The magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck Taiwan shortly before dawn. The quake produced more than 4,300 aftershocks and has hampered rescue efforts. About 8,000 people were injured and the death toll has been estimated at 2,109.

## WEDNESDAY: Government files suit against tobacco companies

WASHINGTON—The Clinton administration sued tobacco companies, seeking billions of dollars to recover the health-care costs of people that the government alleges were victimized by a decades-long "coordinated campaign of fraud and deceit." The action raised the contention level of the ongoing struggle between those affected by smoking and the tobacco companies.

## THURSDAY: Storm victims urged to seek FEMA aid

COLUMBIA, S.C.—President Clinton's opened federal assistance to thousands of South Carolinians suffering from the after effects of Hurricane Floyd.

Homeowners, renters, landlords and business in several South Carolina counties were urged to apply by the November 19 FEMA deadline. Hurricane Floyd devastated the region last week and caused billions of dollars in damage.

## FRIDAY: Jackson tells FAMU students to fight terrorism

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—The Rev. Jesse Jackson urged students at Florida A&M University, rocked by two bomb blasts in the past three weeks, to overcome their fear and fight terrorism by staying at the school. FAMU's campus was under tight security two days after a homemade pipe bomb exploded in a bathroom. FAMU is the only historically black public university in Florida.

## SATURDAY: North Carolina remains flooded for a second week

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.—In North Carolina, some of the state's rivers were still above flood stage due to torrential rains caused by Hurricane Floyd. Elsewhere, flood waters began to recede, revealing the extent of the storm's devastation. Preliminary estimates show Hurricane Floyd caused \$70.2 million in housing and is blamed for 47 deaths.

## SUNDAY: Quale to withdraw from 2000 Presidential Campaign

WASHINGTON—Starved for cash and popular support, former vice president Dan Quale told friends and supporters he plans to withdraw from the 2000 Presidential Campaign. He will be the first sitting or former vice president in half a century to be denied his party's nomination. Quale said he could not find a foothold in the Republican campaign against Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

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"Whatever I can do to be a facilitator, to take care of the problems they've had or things that need to be taken care of that's what I'm here for and that is the first priority," said Hoffman. "I'm going to take care of everything I possibly can that is within my power."

Some players are just looking forward to getting the season started and are excited to have Hoffman here to lead them.

"From what I've seen on film and on paper he seems to be a great coach. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to play under him," said senior Matt Palmquist.

Hoffman comes to UTPA from Oklahoma Baptist University where he served as head coach for nine seasons. He also brings an impressive track record both on and off the court.

On the hardwood, Hoffman led the Bison to a 242-79 record in his nine seasons. He also took OBU to the NAIA Tournament six times including two trips to the NAIA National

Championship game. Hoffman was also named Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1992-93, 1995-96, and 1996-97.

Hoffman led the Bison to the National Championship game in 1992-93 and 1996-97 falling short both times.

Prior to OBU, Hoffman led Southern Nazarene's women's basketball team to an NAIA National Championship in 1988-89. He also earned NAIA Coach of the Year honors that season.

Off the court, Hoffman has proven himself a winner as well. In his nine years at OBU his teams have had a graduation rate of 87%, something UTPA has never seen.

Hoffman has about two weeks to get acquainted with his players as official practices get under way October 15 with Midnight Madness.

## Termination, continued from page 1

"He did not offer credible explanations to a number of questions raised by the University concerning his assertion," stated Langabeer.

Brooks offered two basic defenses. He established that UTPA had not proven he had deposited the check into his personal account himself and suggested someone else must have done it to purposely cause him harm.

"Mr. Brooks did not produce acceptable testimony or evidentiary documentation as to whom might have deposited the check either mistakenly or with mal intent," stated Langabeer.

Brooks also claimed that he did not know the \$25,000 check belonged to UTPA at the time he used it for personal business.

Brooks indicated that he did not investigate the origin of the \$25,000 deposit because at about the same time, he was anticipating an insurance settlement between \$18,000 and \$20,000 from a car accident.

Brooks assumed the insurance company had deposited the check.

UTPA raised several questions Brooks couldn't provide acceptable

explanations for.

"How did the insurance company get his account number? Why didn't the insurance company notify him to let him know that the settlement check had been deposited into his account?" were questions stated in the letter.

Brooks maintained he did not know he was spending university money.

He provided documented transactions of over \$10,000 that he used to pay for repairs sustained to the car involved in the accident.

Priscilla Lozano, UTPA attorney, presented two incidents in which Brooks allegedly handled university resources inappropriately.

A \$1,500 check belonging to UTPA was deposited into a checking account belonging to Brooks. UTPA Comptroller, Esequiel Granado, cited Brooks was given the opportunity to return the money. After repeated reminders, Granado decided to withhold money from proceeds of Brooks' TV show.

Brooks asserted that he had a long history of not handling his personal business prudently, a trait of which he was not proud of.

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—James Langabeer

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Q &amp; A

## Will bringing the Cowboys to Mission benefit all of us?

By Mireya Villarreal



**Yvette Barrera**  
Freshman  
Elementary Education

Yes. Bringing the Cowboys down to Mission will also bring a lot of tourists who will be using a lot of money when they get here.

**Randy Saenz**  
Freshman

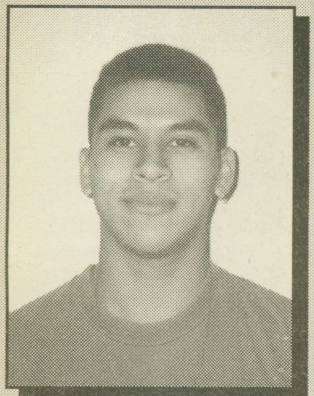
### Mechanical Engineering

Yes. This would have a positive influence on the Valley as a whole. NFL superstars coming down here and shaking a couple of Valley natives' hands would give us all hope. Something like this would make us all feel good.



**Jose Garcia**  
Sophomore  
Computer Science

Yes. Mission is still too small to accommodate all the people who might come down to the Valley if the Cowboys decide to train here. This would definitely benefit us all!



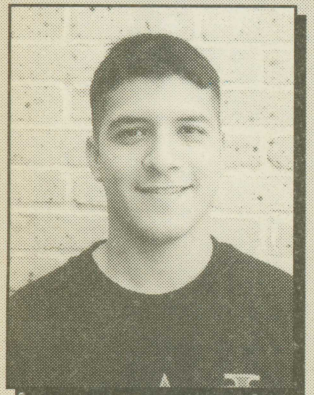
**Idalia Zuniga**  
Senior  
Accounting

Yes. Something as big as this would be able to attract commerce from all over the nation. Tourists from all over would pay money to stay here, shop here, eat, and so on. This is what the Valley needs to start increasing its money supply.



**Nathan Obregon**  
Senior  
Marketing

Yes. Bringing a big named NFL sports team down here is key to the growth of the Valley. Having the Dallas Cowboys train in Mission would give the whole Rio Grande Valley exposure to the rest of the nation.



## Mission hopeful for Cowboys training camp

By Mireya Villarreal  
Staff Writer

Within the next two weeks, the city of Mission will have a definite answer to the most important question of the season: Will the Dallas Cowboys claim the Valley as their official training camp site for the Spring of 2000?

Recently, Mission officials were given permission to send in a formal proposal to the Cowboys, requesting that they conduct spring training in their city.

"If they like us and what we have to offer, then they'll come here to train. If they don't like us, well then, there's no penalty for trying and no harm done," said Mission Mayor, Beto Salinas.

The proposal being sent will consist of the Valley's best attributes and major benefits for training here.

One of the biggest benefits this proposal has to offer is the new training facility/stadium that will specifically be built for the Cowboys.

The stadium would be built on privately owned property. The location of the stadium would be between the city of Mission and Madero off of Shary Road and FM 1016.

"Major benefits that will come out of this would be more hotels and visibility for our city. This will finally put Mission, Texas on the map. Having the Cowboys here will show everyone that we exist down here in the Valley," said Salinas.

Edinburg Mayor Joe Ochoa and Hidalgo County Judge Eloy Pulido headed a committee last year that seemed to have the same goals in mind. However, their attempt to bring the Dallas Cowboys to the city of Edinburg failed.

"We opened the doors for others. Mission's proposal is very attractive, in regards to the new facility that will be built in the Cowboys honor. No matter what, we will all benefit from this great opportunity," said Ochoa.

The only major difference between the two proposals is the offer to build a new stadium. Ochoa commented that when they submitted their proposal it was with the advantage of using UTPA; ultimately, using no tax money whatsoever.

The proposal sent in by Mission requires monies to be acquired by the city in order to fund the construction of the new facility.

## QUICK HITS

### Lady Broncs end losing streak

The Lady Broncs broke their nine-match losing streak, with two wins in Houston.

The victory came against Texas Southern. In that game, the Broncs won in three straight sets, 15-7, 15-6, 15-6.

Their match against Prairie View, took four sets to decide, but the Lady Broncs pulled out the win. It improved their record to 4-10.

Leading the Broncs in assist, digs, and aces was Cita Jimenez. She had 20, 11, and 3 respectively.

Freshman Rosie Trevino-Ramos chipped in with seven blocks to lead the Lady Broncs, and eight kills, which was second on the team. Billie Forrester led with nine kills.

The next match for the Lady Broncs is against Monterrey Tech on October 2.

### First meet rough for tennis team

The men's team lost all three matches on the final day of play at the Lamar/Brentwood Invitational.

Jorge Cuesta lost to Michael Ray Pallares of University Louisiana-Lafayette 7-6, 7-6 in a Consolation Bracket match in Flight "B".

In Flight "C", Cesar Vargas lost to

UT-Arlington's Karim Debs in the finals.

The duo of Cuesta and Vargas was defeated by Jackson and Rice of UT-San Antonio, 8-3.

The players next opportunity to play will be at the UT-Arlington Fall Invite, taking place October 15-17.

### Cross-Country earns third place

The Lady Broncs cross country team finished 3rd and the men 4th, in the Baylor Invitational.

Edinburg's Esmer Davila led the way for the women, finishing 18th overall, with a time of 19 minutes, 58 seconds on the five-kilometer course.

Teammate Blanca Reyes came in 19th one second later. Perla Rios was 20th, Sandra Guerrero was 24th, and Olaya Teran came in 25th. They timed 20:43, 20:53, and 20:53 respectively.

Baylor won the women's title with 33 points. UTPA was third out of five teams with 109.

Danny Salazar finished 18th to pace the men's team. The men ran eight kilometers. Baylor won the men's team title with 39 points while the Broncs came in fourth at 122.

Both teams will have their next meet on October 8 in the Texas A&M Invitational at College Station.





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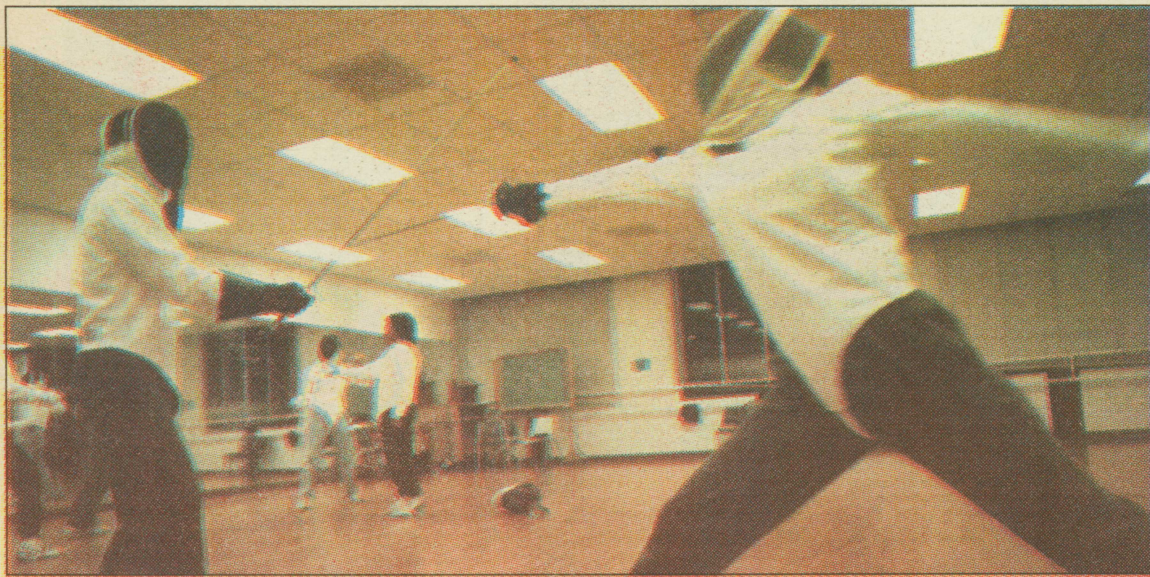
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Carl Nelson and Candy Veraza begin a match.

**By Jennifer Davis**  
*Staff Writer*

Every Tuesday and Thursday night, here at UTPA, students come together to practice and celebrate a centuries old art form. While they've dispensed with the traditional maiden saving and duels to the death, fencing is alive, well, and among other places, in HPE 1 in room 1.130. Though the retirement of Dr. Rabkey brought an end to the kinesiology course offered through the University, UTPA's Fencing Club still gives students the chance to wield steel. And while many would admit that fencing isn't exactly their idea of a "real" exercise or sport, think again.

Instruction is generously donated by Joel Imhoof, an advertiser from Dallas. "I found there wasn't any fencing down here, so I helped put together the club," said Imhoof. "I just wanted to fence."

Under Imhoof's guidance, the meeting begins with a warm-up of different types of lunges and exercises to increase flexibility. After about 10

# Foiled Again!

## Students start fencing club at UTPA

—Photos by Bert Gonzalez

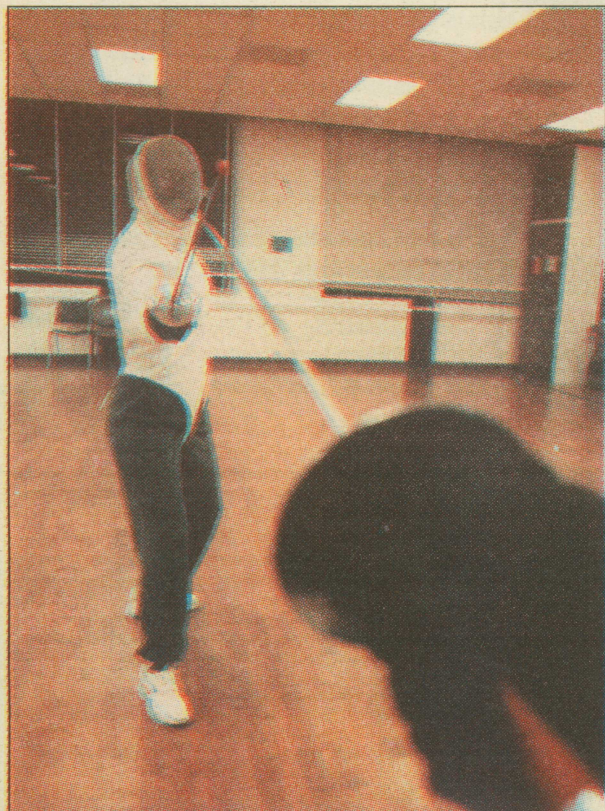
minutes, thick canvas jackets and metal screened masks go on, and out come the foils. Even though this blade is but a thin antenna of steel

with a rubber tip, don't let it fool you. Being attacked by a could-be extra from a sci-fi movie with a piece of metal can cause even the bravest soul to react. With their instructor keeping a watchful eye, the members clash metal, lunge, and recover. They're constantly moving, carefully planning their strategy to "defeat" their opponent.

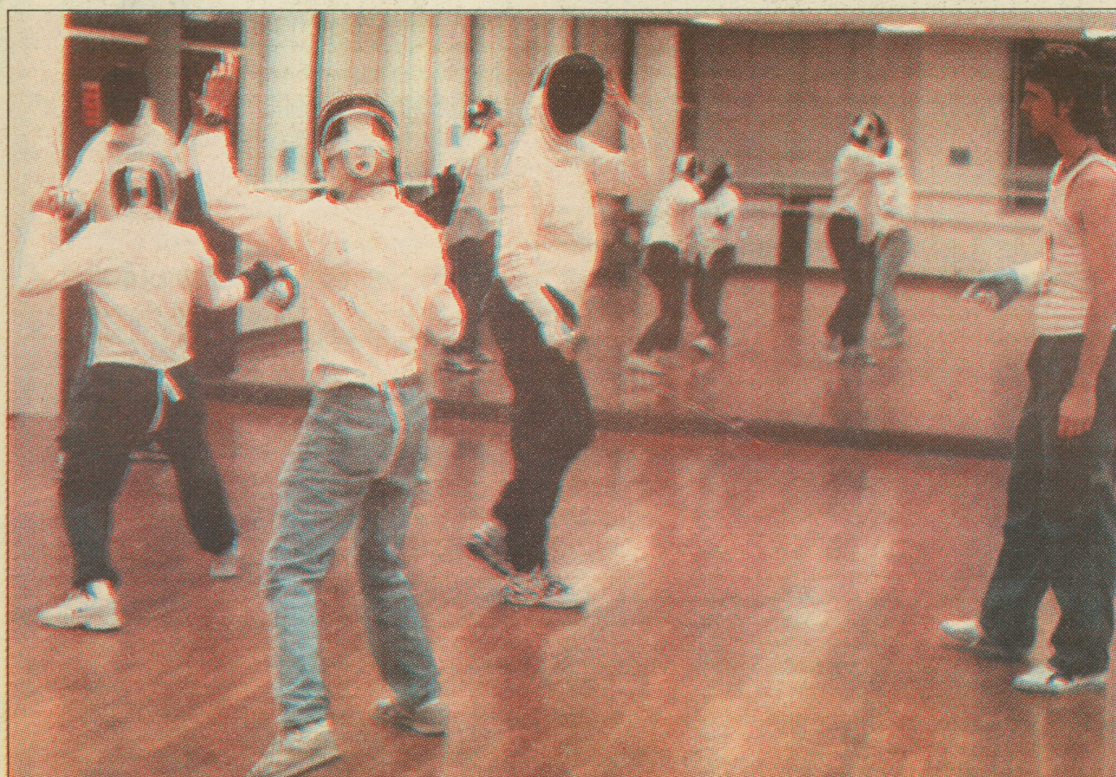
Fencing proves to be both mentally and physically challenging, while at the same time fun and occasionally humorous. UTPA senior Carl Nelson comments, "I joined the club

because it's fun, but it also teaches discipline and sportsmanship."

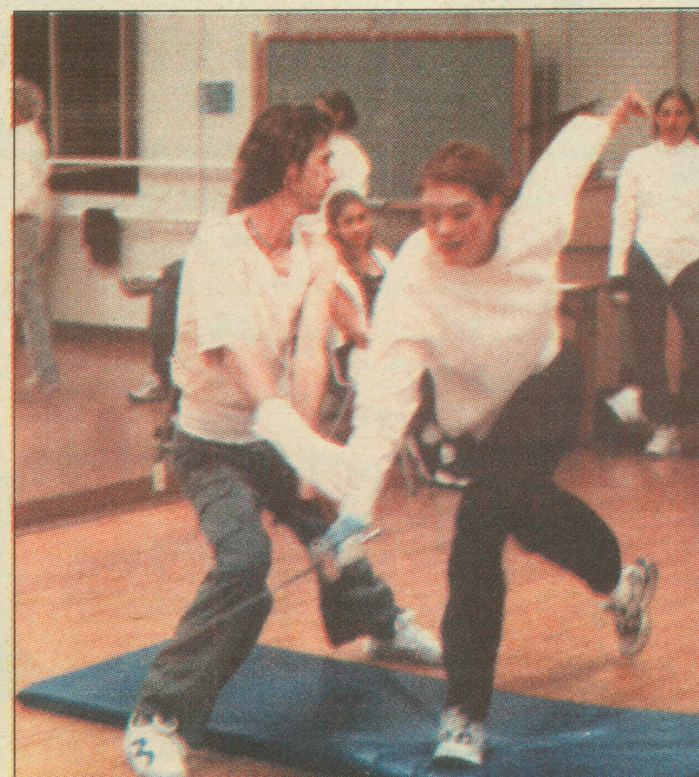
Anyone interested should join the Fencing Club Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 8 to 10 p.m. at HPE 1 in room 1.130.



Candy Veraza makes her point.



Members of the club take pointers from instructor Joel Imhoof.



Christine Carruthers learns how to lunge.